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SUBJECT: EC ASIAN EXPERTS' MEETING

1. THE ITALIAN MFA'S PARTICIPANT (LO PRINZI) HAS INFORMED US THAT THE EC ASIAN EXPERTS MEETING HELD IN DUBLIN APRIL 3-4 WAS DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO A DISCUSSION OF THE SITUATIONS IN CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM. THERE FOLLOWS LO PRINZI'S SUMMARY OF THE MAIN POINTS OF DISCUSSION.

2. CAMBODIA. THERE WAS GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT THE PRESENT KHMER GOVERNMENT WILL FALL WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. IT WAS AGREED THAT SIHANOUK WOULD PROBABLY RETURN TO PLAY SOME ROLE IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT ALTHOUGH THERE ARE DOUBTS ABOUT HOW LONG CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD PERMIT HIM TO REMAIN. THE EXPERTS RECOMMENDED THAT THE EC COUNTRIES TAKE STEPS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE REALITY OF THE NEW SITUATION FOLLOWING THE FALL OF PHNOM PENH BY RECOGNIZING THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED REGIME. FRANCE IS  
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EXPECTED TO BE OUT IN FRONT OF THE EC PACK IN TAKING SUCH

ACTION.

3. VIETNAM. THE EXPERTS AGREED THAT THE SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM IS FAR MORE COMPLEX. THEY RECOMMENDED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES KEEP THEIR EMBASSIES OPEN IN SAIGON ALTHOUGH RECOGNIZING THAT SOME COUNTRIES MIGHT WISH TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF THEIR STAFFS IF THE MILITARY SITUATION CONTINUES TO DETERIORATE. THE FRENCH INFORMED THEIR PARTNERS THAT THEY HAVE INITIATED A STUDY OF THE QUESTION OF RECOGNIZING THE GRP. THE EXPERTS AGREED THAT SHOULD THE SIAGON GOVERNMENT COLLAPSE, THEY WOULD PROCEED TO RECOGNIZE THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN THE SAME MANNER AS THEY INTEND TO DO WITH CAMBODIA.

4. THE EXPERTS GAVE SOME CONSIDERATION TO THE ISSUANCE OF A DECLARATION ON VIETNAM BY THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS WHO WILL BE MEETING ON APRIL 15. IT WAS GENERALLY FELT THAT AT BEST THE DECLARATION COULD ONLY DEAL WITH HUMANITARIAN ISSUES GIVEN THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL REALITIES IN MOST OF THE EC COUNTRIES. THE FRENCH ARE OPPOSED TO THE ISSUANCE OF ANY DECLARATION. LO PRINZI EXPECTS THIS QUESTION TO RECEIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION DURING THE APRIL 8 EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING. BEAUDRY

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